

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application relates to commonly assigned copending application Serial No. 10/625,375(85507), entitled PHOTOCHEMOMIC DYES FOR MICROSPHERE BASED SENSOR, application Serial No. 10/625,637(85677), entitled COLORABLE POLYMERIC PARTICLES WITH BIOLOGICAL PROBES, and application Serial No. 10/625,684, now U.S. Patent No. 6,914,106(85486), entitled LARGE POLYMER BEADS CONTAINING COUPLERS AND METHOD OF PREPARATION filed simultaneously herewith. The copending applications are incorporated by reference herein for all that they contain.--